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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/692,984	Applicant(s) ULESKI, MICHAEL A.	
	Examiner John Rivell	Art Unit 3753	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/24/03 (application).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10242003,01142005
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: IDS-02072005

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 13, lines 3-4, the unknown application referred to need updating.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Doring (U. S. Pat. No. 4,564,056).

The patent to Doring discloses, in figures 1 and 2 for example, a "grommet (shown at 4, 5, 6) for use in a wheel rim inflation hole (formed at flange 28), the grommet comprising: a nose section (at 30) at a first end of the grommet, the nose having a substantially conical shape configured to be inserted into the inflation hole (at 28); an annular section (at bead 6) at a base of the nose section, the annular section projecting radially outward from the base of the nose section; a cylindrical section (at 5) sized to match the inflation hole (at flange 38) and having a first end adjoined to the annular section; a flange (4) section projecting radially outward from a second end of the cylindrical section (5); and a bore (receiving sleeve 3) passing axially through the grommet body, the bore configured to receive a valve stem assembly" as recited in claim 16.

Regarding claim 17, in Doring, the disclosure of the material of the "grommet" being rubber is considered to be inclusive of all known rubbers including natural and synthetic comprises a synthetic rubber.

Regarding claim 18, in Doring, "at least one sealing interface is formed between the cylindrical section (5) of the grommet and an inner surface of the tire inflation hole (at flange 28)" as recited.

Regarding claim 19, in Doring, "at least one sealing interface is formed between the flange section (4) of the grommet and an inside surface of the wheel rim (2)" as recited.

Regarding claim 20, in Doring, "at least one sealing interface is formed between the annular section (6) of the grommet and an outside surface of the wheel rim (2)" as recited.

Claims 1-15 are allowed.


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Rivell whose telephone number is (571) 272-4918. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. from 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Blau can be reached on (571) 272-4406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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